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SUBJECT: TRIP TO PANAMA BY HOLDERS OF WHITE HOUSE
FELLOWSHIPS

1. WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM, CHAIRED BY FORMER
HEW SECRETARY JOHN GARDNER, IS PRESTIGIOUS PROGRAM AIMED
AT UTILIZING ABILITIES OF THOSE SELECTED AND DEVELOPING
THEIR SKILLS IN BROADEST POSSIBLE SENSE. EDUCATION
PROGRAM IS AN INTEGRAL AND IMPORTANT PART OF OTHER ASPECTS
OF PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES INTENSIVE WORK EXPERIENCE IN A
CABINET LEVEL AGENCY, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESI-
DENT OR WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT. HOLDERS OF FELLOWSHIPS
ARE FULL-TIME SCHEDULE A EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERN-
MENT.

2. GROUP INTENDS VISIT PANAMA AS PART OF THEIR OFFICIAL
ACTIVITIES AND IS COMPOSED OF 14 FELLOWS AND 2 STAFF
MEMBERS OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM. DATES PRO-
POSED BY GROUP ARE FEBRUARY 17 (ARRIVE AFTER MIDNIGHT ON
16TH) THROUGH FEBRUARY 20 (DEPARTING LATE EVENING OR EARLY
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MORNING 21ST). THEY THUS AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAM FEBRUARY
17 THROUGH 20. IN VISITS TO OTHER COUNTRIES, EMBASSIES
HAVE PROVIDED GROUND TRANSPORTATION, ARRANGED PROGRAM AND

PROVIDED ESCORT OFFICER(S). MEMBERS OF GROUP DO NOT HAVE
KNOWLEDGE OF SPANISH.

3. RECOGNIZING WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY MAY CAUSE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS, GROUP HAS REQUESTED INTENSIVE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY BRIEFING.

B. VISIT OTHER OFFICIAL US AGENCY BUILDINGS NOT LOCATED AT CHANCERY.

C. SOUTHCOM BRIEFING.

D. TOUR OF CANAL AND MEETING WITH PANCANAL/ZONE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

E. MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF US EMPLOYEES OR CITIZEN GROUPS IN CANAL ZONE.

F. MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE US BUSINESSMEN LIVING IN REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

G. MEETINGS WITH PRIVATE PANAMANIAN GROUPS SUCH AS POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTATIVES, MOVEMENT OF INDEPENDENT LAWYERS, ETC.

H. MEETINGS WITH PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THOSE INVOLVED
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IN ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL/DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AS WELL AS HEW-TYPE ACTIVITIES.

I. GROUP EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MEET GENERAL TORRIJOS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

J. GROUP THOUGHT SUNDAY COULD BE DEVOTED TO TRIP OUTSIDE CITY TO SEE SOMETHING OTHER THAN URBAN AREAS AND THAT SUCH TRIP COULD BE UTILIZED TO VISIT ONE OR MORE PROJECTS IN WHICH AID INVOLVED.

4. GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE RESERVATIONS FOR EIGHT DOUBLES WITH BATH AT CONVENIENT AND MODERATE PRICED HOTEL. EXACT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES WILL BE PROVIDEDA BUT EMBASSY CAN ASSUME FULL WORKING SCHEDULE FROM FEBRUARY 17 THRU 20.

5. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON VISIT AS PROPOSED TOGETHER WITH PROGRAM SHOWING TIMES AND DATES BEARING IN MIND GROUP'S SUGGESTIONS AS INDICATED ABOVE. GROUP WANTS FULL SCHEDULE AND EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL VISITS OR MEETINGS SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN TENTATIVE PROGRAM IF ABOVE DESIRES OF GROUP DO NOT FILL

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